

Enrollment Process and Policies

This is an overview of the Ann Arbor Open enrollment policy. If a specific question is not answered here; please consult the official policy, which is available on our website, aaopen.a2schools.org, and in the office.

The Basics

To apply for admission to Ann Arbor Open, please fill out an online application for your child. Students in Grades 1st-8th are admitted from a waitlist as openings occur, and may be submitted at any time. Position on the waitlist is determined by the date of application. We typically have a small number of openings in each grade each year.

Kindergarten Applications

Kindergarten admissions are made via a random selection. We will begin accepting 2017 Kindergarten applications on January 9th, 2017. **The application deadline for inclusion in the 2017 kindergarten selection process is 4:00 p.m., February 17, 2017.**

We have approximately 60 kindergarten spots. Siblings of current students have priority and usually fill anywhere from 10 to 30 of these slots. We fill the remaining slots by random selection, which will occur on February 21, 2017. Parents will be notified of their randomly selected number beginning on February 22, 2017.

At some point, either before or after your child is offered enrollment, you must do one of the following:

Option 1: Attend a parent-led orientation session AND spend 45 minutes observing in a classroom during the school day (scheduled through the office).

OR

Option 2: Attend an orientation tour during the school day, conducted by a staff member (scheduled through the office).

You may make these visits now to learn more about the program, or wait to see if your child is admitted before visiting. It is up to you.

What about siblings?

If you are applying for more than one child and one of them is admitted, the others will go to the top of their list(s) and get the next available spot. If you choose not to apply for your other school-aged children now, those children will not have priority in enrollment if you decide to apply in another year.

What about students with IEPs?

The process for children with IEPs is exactly the same as for everyone else. All students eligible for enrollment in Ann Arbor Public Schools may apply. When students who receive special education services are selected for admission, the SISS team will meet with parents to ensure that our program can meet specific needs. Please note that we do not send staff to “change of level” IEP meetings unless we have already admitted the student.